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	Examiner Raymond S Dean	Art Unit 2684	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Juue 16, 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11 - 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 10 and 13 - 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed June 16, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicants' assertion that Chapman does not utilize higher priority transmissions. When the transmitting entity detects that a reset needs to be initiated said transmitting entity would transmit information indicating that a reset procedure is triggered via the Data Link Reset Command Field. The normal transmission of data is then halted until the receiving entity transmits information indicating that the reset has occurred via the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field. When the reset has occurred normal data transmission will resume. During the reset procedure the information frames will comprise data, such as the Data Link Reset Command Field set to a particular value and the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field set to a particular value, that have a higher priority over the information frames that are transmitted during normal transmission (See Column 5 lines 3 – 35). Chapman therefore teaches higher priority transmissions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1 – 3, 8, 10, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Chapman et al. (5,926,468).

Regarding Claim 1, Chapman teaches a method for resetting a communication connection between a first communication device and a second communication device in a cellular radio system, comprising the steps of: detecting the need for resetting the communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 18), transmitting from the first communication device to the second communication device a first piece of information indicating the need for resetting the communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 -18, the receiving entity receives an indication to reset thus this means that said indication was transmitted by the transmitting entity), and using higher priority for transmitting said first piece of information than for transmitting ordinary data in said communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 36, when the transmitting entity detects that a reset needs to be initiated said transmitting entity will transmit information indicating that a reset procedure is triggered via the Data Link Reset Command Field. The normal transmission of data is then halted until the receiving entity transmits information indicating that the reset has occurred via the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field. When the reset has occurred normal data transmission will resume. During the reset procedure the information frames will comprise data, such as the Data Link Reset Command Field set to a particular value and the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field set to a particular value, that have a higher priority over the information frames that are transmitted during normal transmission), performing a resetting procedure at

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the second communication device (Column 5 lines 19 – 36, the reset acknowledgement field is set to a specific value when the resetting procedure is complete), transmitting from the second communication device to the first communication device a second piece of information indicating the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device (Column 5 lines 19 – 36, the reset acknowledgement field is set to a specific value when the resetting procedure is complete) and using higher priority for transmitting said second piece of information than for transmitting ordinary data in said communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 36, when the transmitting entity detects that a reset needs to be initiated said transmitting entity will transmit information indicating that a reset procedure is triggered via the Data Link Reset Command Field. The normal transmission of data is then halted until the receiving entity transmits information indicating that the reset has occurred via the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field. When the reset has occurred normal data transmission will resume. During the reset procedure the information frames will comprise data, such as the Data Link Reset Command Field set to a particular value and the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field set to a particular value, that have a higher priority over the information frames that are transmitted during normal transmission), and inserting into a certain piece of information transmitted between the first communication device and the second communication device an indication of an effective number of certain resetting operations associated with a certain detected need for resetting the communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 18, the Data Link Reset

Command field has a number for resetting operations associated with a detected need for resetting the communication link).

Regarding Claim 2, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Chapman further teaches inserting into a certain piece of information, which is transmitted from the first communication device to the second communication device and indicates the need for resetting the communication connection, a sequence number the value of which remains the same - after the need for resetting the communication connection has been detected - from the first step of transmitting from the first communication device to the second communication device a first piece of information indicating the need for resetting the communication connection to the next step of faultlessly receiving, at the first communication device, from the second communication device a second piece of information indicating the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device (Column 5 lines 3 – 36, the Data Link Reset Command field has a specific number or value when a need for resetting the communication link is detected and it will keep that same value until the reset procedure is performed and the Data Link Reset Acknowledge field is updated reflecting said reset procedure).

Regarding Claim 3, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 2. Chapman further teaches a sequence number that is a single sequence number bit, the value of which remains the same - after the need for resetting the communication connection has been detected - from the first step of transmitting from the first communication device to the second communication device a first piece of

information indicating the need for resetting the communication connection to the next step of faultlessly receiving, at the first communication device, from the second communication device a second piece of information indicating the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device (Column 5 lines 3 – 36).

Regarding Claim 8, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 2. Chapman further teaches at the second communication device, checking whether a certain piece of information, which is transmitted from the first communication device to the second communication device and indicates the need for resetting the communication connection, has a sequence number the value of which is the same as the sequence number of an already received piece of information, which was transmitted from the first communication device to the second communication device and indicated the need for resetting the communication connection, and only as a response to a negative finding in said checking, performing a complete resetting procedure at the second communication device (Column 5 lines 3 – 36, the Data Link Reset Command field has a specific number or value when a need for resetting the communication link is detected and it will keep that same value until the reset procedure is performed and the Data Link Reset Acknowledge field is updated reflecting said reset procedure).

Regarding Claim 10, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 1. Chapman further teaches the step of inserting into a certain piece of information, which is transmitted from the second communication device to the first

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communication device and indicates the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device, an indication of the result of performing completed resetting operations at the second communication device (Column 5 lines 19 – 36).

Regarding Claim 17, Chapman teaches a communication device for communicating between another communicating device within a cellular radio system over a communication connection (Figure 2, Column 4 line 6, CDPD is a cellular radio system) comprising: means for detecting a need for resetting the communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 18), transmission means for transmitting to the other communication device first pieces of information indicating the need for resetting the communication connection and second pieces of information indicating the completion of the resetting procedure, said transmission means being adapted to use higher priority for transmitting said first and second pieces of information than for transmitting ordinary data in said communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 36, when the transmitting entity detects that a reset needs to be initiated said transmitting entity will transmit information indicating that a reset procedure is triggered via the Data Link Reset Command Field. The normal transmission of data is then halted until the receiving entity transmits information indicating that the reset has occurred via the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field. When the reset has occurred normal data transmission will resume. During the reset procedure the information frames will comprise data, such as the Data Link Reset Command Field set to a particular value and the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement Field set to a particular value, that have a higher priority over

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the information frames that are transmitted during normal transmission), receiving means for receiving from the other communication device first pieces of information indicating the need for resetting the communication connection and second pieces of information indicating the completion of the resetting procedure (Column 5 lines 3 – 36), resetting means for performing a resetting procedure for the communication connection (Column 5 lines 19 – 36), and means for inserting into a certain piece of information transmitted between it and the other communication device an indication of an effective number of certain resetting operations associated with a certain detected need for resetting the communication connection (Column 5 lines 3 – 18, the Data Link Reset Command field has a number for resetting operations associated with a detected need for resetting the communication link).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4 – 7, 9, and 13 - 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chapman et al. (5,926,468) in view of Carsello (5,754,586).

Regarding Claim 4, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 2. Chapman does not specifically teach a frame structure number.

Carsello teaches a frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14).

Chapman and Carsello both teach wireless communications devices that transmit and receive frames of data thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the frame structure number taught in Carsello in the wireless system of Chapman such that there is optimal frame synchronization between said wireless communications devices.

Regarding Claim 5, Chapman in view of Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 4. Carsello further teaches a frame structure number indicator that is a complete value of a frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, the frame structure number could be represented by the use of all seven bits which means that it would be a complete value).

Regarding Claim 6, Chapman in view of Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 4. Carsello further teaches a frame structure number indicator that is a shortened derivative from a complete value of a frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, the frame structure number could be represented by the use of 6 bits or less, which is a shortened derivative of the complete seven bits).

Regarding Claim 7, Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 6. Carsello further teaches a frame structure number indicator that is a group of least significant bits from a complete value of a frame structure number and consists of at least one bit (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, since there are seven bits the least significant bit will be the first bit and the most significant bit will be the seventh bit).

Regarding Claim 9, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in

Claim 8. Carsello further teaches increasing the value of a certain frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, the frame structure number could start at 1 and increase to 127).

Regarding Claim 13, Chapman teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 10. Chapman further teaches a response to receiving from the first communication device at the second communication device an indication of the need for resetting the communication connection, setting a particular value in the Data Link Reset Acknowledgement field at the second communication device, inserting said value into a certain piece of information, which is transmitted from the second communication device to the first communication device and indicates the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device, and as a response to receiving from the second communication device at the first communication device an indication of the completion of the resetting procedure with respect to the second communication device, setting said value at the first communication device (Column 5 lines 3 – 36).

Chapman does not specifically teach increasing the value of a frame structure number.

Carsello teaches increasing the value of a frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, the frame structure number could start at 1 and increase to 127).

Chapman and Carsello both teach wireless communications devices that transmit and receive frames of data thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the increasing frame structure

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number method taught in Carsello in the wireless system of Chapman such that there is optimal frame synchronization between said wireless communications devices.

Regarding Claim 14, Chapman in view of Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 13. Carsello further teaches an indicator of the increased value of said frame structure number that is the increased value of said frame structure number itself (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, the frame structure number could start at 1 and increase to 127).

Regarding Claim 15, Chapman in view of Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 13. Carsello further teaches an indicator of the increased value of said frame structure number that is a shortened derivative of the increased value of said frame structure number (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, 127 is an increased value that corresponds to seven bits, 6 bits or less corresponds to 65 or less which is a shortened derivative of 127).

Regarding Claim 16, Carsello teaches all of the claimed limitations recited in Claim 15. Carsello further teaches an indicator of the increased value of said frame structure number is a group of least significant bits from a complete value of said frame structure number and consists of at least one bit (Column 3 lines 10 – 14, since there are seven bits the least significant bit will be the first bit and the most significant bit will be the seventh bit).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 11 is allowable for the same reasons as set forth in the Office Action dated February 13, 2004. Claim 12 depends on Claim 11 therefore examiner gives same reason as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond S Dean whose telephone number is 703-305-8998. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay A Maung can be reached on 703-308-7745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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